Union Oregon, 12 May '90

My dear Dr. Watson:

Yours of the 1st inst. is just rec'd.

At the time I sent the plants to Prof. Greene I wrote that I had sent them to you for determination long before. You have no doubt ere this rec'd his names for the plants. I regret it very much, especially as my name is to one of them.

Perhaps the fault is in a great measure mine — if so, it was entirely unintentional on my part.

and I cannot do so, hope then most earnestly ask your pardon for any injustice that may have been done to yourself.

However, Prof. Greene can plead no ignorance in the matter.

I sent him part of the plants before I did yours; on the receipt of yours I sent him word what you had done with them.

No, I did not "know" there was any ill feeling between him & Mrs. Brandegee.

As to their status as scientists I know very little about it and ~~am~~ it is presumptuous in me ~~but~~ perhaps to offer an opinion, but as to Mr. Greene ~~at~~ it seems to me he must "make" many "species" ~~on~~ on very slight grounds; — however ~~he~~ he seems to be a very acute observer. As to Mrs. B. her ~~pa~~ paper on this genus, & one or 2 others are all I have ever seen & never having seen her plants I cannot say much about it.

Very truly yours Wm. C. Cusick

P.S. Since writing the above I have had an opportunity to get bulbs of the Erythronium flowers of which I sent the other day — E. grandiflorum v. minor, is what it is labeled in my herb. These bulbs are very curious, to me & may be of interest to you. As you will see they represent all stages from the seedling of a year or less to the mature flowering bulb.